ISD/STD/PCO in Gujarat

2734. SHRI AHMED PATEL: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of ISD/STD/PCO booths sanctioned in Gujarat during the last three years, year-wise and district-wise;

(b) the proposed number of new ISD/STD/PCO booths to be given during the remaining part of the current 8th Five Year Plan.

(c) whether Government propose to sanction such booths in the rural parts of the State on a large scale; and

(d) if so, the details thereof; and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BENI PRASAD VERMA): (a) The information is given in the enclosed Statement-I. (*See* below) (Telecom. District-wise.)

(b) The information is given in the enclosed Statement-II. (*See* below) (Telecom. district-wise).

(c) and (d) Sir, No separate targets have been given for STD PCOs in Rural areas. STD, PCOs will be sanctioned to eligible applicants in Rural areas, subject to technical feasibility and availability of STD facilities.

Statement

	NAME OF SSA	STD PCO BOOTHs ALLOTTED DURING		
		1993-94	1994-95	1995-96
1.	Ahmedabad	136	573	297
2.	Baroda	292	1332	783
3.	Rajkot	83	189	318
4.	Surat	396	156	256
5.	Mehsana	256	216	23
6.	Nadiad	126	214	56
7.	Bhavnagar	28	62	130
8.	Bhuj	93	106	51
9.	Bharuch	Nil	158	226
10.	Valsad	90	175	183
11.	Godhra	74	104	125
12.	Himatnagar	116	60	26
13.	Jamnagar	31	95	147
14.	Junagadh	179	190	102
15.	Palanpur	30	65	102
16.	Surendranagar	90	107	93
17.	Amreli	56	36	117

Statement-II

Name of SSA	Target for STD PCOs for 1996-97
1. AHMEDABAD	1865
2. BARODA	646
3. RAJKOT	513
4. SURAT	79
5. MEHSANA	367
6. NADIAD	365
7. BHAVNAGAR	220
8. BHUJ	205
9. BHARUCH	220
10. VALSAD	315
11. GODHRA	130
12. HIMATNAGAR	167
13. JAMNAGAR	209
14. JUNAGADH	220
15. PALANPUR	178
16. SURENDRANAGAR	137
17. AMRELI	83

Career Dipiomats in Indian Missions Abroad

2735. SHRI V. RAJESHWAR RAO: DR. SHRIKANT RAM-CHANDRA JICHKAR:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Ambassadors and High Commissioners representing India in Indian Missions abroad;

(b) out of these how many are career diplomats and how many are others; and

(c) the policy of Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI I.K. GUJRAL): (a) As of end-November, 1996, there are 82 posts of Ambassadors and 29 of High Commissioners operative in the various Indian Missions abroad.

(b) Of those Ambassadors/High Commissioners who were in position as of end-November, 1996, 9 are non-career and 91 are career diplomats.

(c) Ambassadors/High Commissioners are appointed by the Government on the basis of their suitability and experience.

Manufacture of Indigenous Sub-marines

2736. SHRI JAGIR SINGH DARD: DR. SHRIKANT RAM-CHANDRA JICHKAR:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the present status of indigenous manufacture of sub-marines in our country;

(b) the target for the next three years;

(c) the practical problem faced in this regard; and

(d) the steps taken to boost up indigenous manufacture of sub-marines?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI N.V.N. SOMU): (a) to (d) A case has been processed for indigenous construction of two sub-marines. These sub-marines are expected to be delivered between 2003-2005.

Decision to add to the force levels is a continuous process and is taken keeping in view the present and future threat perception and availability of resources.

गुजरात में वस्त्र निर्यात संवर्धन परिषद

2737. **श्री अनन्तराय देवशंकर दवे:** क्या वस्त्र मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या गुजरात में वस्त्र निर्यात संवर्धन परिषद का एक पूर्णकालिक कार्यालय खोलने का कोई प्रस्ताव सरकार के पास स्वीकृति के लिए लंबित है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो उसका ब्यौरा क्या है; और

(ग) सरकार द्वारा उक्त प्रस्ताव पर क्या कार्यवाही की गई है?

वस्त्र मंत्री (श्री आर० एल० जालप्पा): (क) जी नहीं।

(ख) तथा (ग) प्रश्न नहीं उठते।